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**Subject:** Bad River NPDES Permit

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Dear Mr. Colletti,

Please tell me how it is possible, the EPA would even consider a re-issuance of a discharge permit for the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, when so many violations have been exposed? Until the band can demonstrate they are capable of meeting limits set forth by the Clean Water Act and the general public has an assurance that these will be met, no permit should be granted.

It has been long known that e. coli bacteria lingering along the lake shore has closed beaches most commonly Saxon Harbor, and although Bad River has been the suspect for the "swimmers itch" outbreaks, it wasn't until the group Media Trackers investigation, confirmed it. The EPA needs to explain how it knowingly let these violations go unchecked and this was permitted to continue for so long! E. coli 5400% over permitted levels, phosphorus 400% over and TSS (total suspended solids) at unbelievable levels. They have been dumping raw sewage and the government agency responsible for monitoring public health does nothing? I understand, at least 241 violations have occurred since 2004 by these self-proclaimed great naturalists, and with no enforcement, maybe the EPA is just as guilty.

Public hearings need to be conducted near the areas impacted by Bad River Band facility and the public needs assurance the problem will be taken care of and the EPA will do its job of monitoring and reporting.

Lake Superior is truly a treasure. As one who has spent countless hours on it, I can only hope this letter finds itself in hands of an agency that will do its job and not be influenced by political entrapment.

Sincerely,

Ross Peterson

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